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Murder Arrest Warrants Issued for Two Suspects

On April 20, 2003 SAPD officers responded to 380 Villaret Blvd for a report of a shooting. Upon their arrival, they contacted several partygoers, who reported that a total of three individuals were shot and needed medical attention. Officers discovered that Deanette Ballesteros, 17 years old, Matthew Sezepenik, 17 years old and Dean De La Cruz, 18 years old were all suffering from gunshots wounds. Deanette Ballesteros subsequently died of her wounds while at Wilford Hall Hospital. The other victims survived their wounds. At the time of the report, there were no arrests made.

On May 20, 2003 Detectives with the San Antonio Police Department Homicide Unit applied for and obtained several arrests warrants for two suspects. Those suspects and charges are listed below and they are now in SAPD custody.

➤ ***ARAUJO, JOSEPH L/M 07-06-80, 2315 SALINAS, SA TX***

- 1 CHARGE OF MURDER
- 2 CHARGES OF ATTEMPT MURDER

➤ ***PEREZ, JOSE L/M 02-05-81, 319 TRINITY, SA TX.***

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- 2 CHARGES OF ATTEMPT MURDER

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